

KINESIOLOGY MA

The objectives of the Master of Arts in Kinesiology graduate program are to develop skills, knowledge, and research experience so that students can take their place in the community as leaders, teachers, and researchers.

Graduate Advising Requirement

Students should consult the Graduate Coordinator for advisor assignment. No later than the end of the first semester of graduate study, students must identify a graduate faculty member who agrees to serve as their graduate advisor. This advisor must be in the student's area of specialization.

Requirements for the MA in Kinesiology

Completion of all requirements as established by the Department graduate committee, the graduate advisory committee, and Graduate Studies, to include:

1. Completion of an approved program consisting of 30 units of 400/500/600-level courses as follows:
 - a. At least 18 units must be in the discipline of Kinesiology, including the following core courses for all students:

Course	Title	Units
KINE 600	Seminar in Kinesiology	3
KINE 601	Statistical Methods in Kinesiology Research	3
KINE 602	Research Design in Kinesiology	3
 - b. At least 21 of the units required for the degree must be in 600-level courses.
 - c. In addition to core courses required above, completion of requirements for one of the following courses of study (consult the Graduate Coordinator for specific courses required):
 - i. Adapted Physical Education
 - ii. Athletic Training Education
 - iii. Biomechanics
 - iv. Exercise Physiology
 - v. Pedagogy
 - vi. Sport and Exercise Psychology
 - d. At least 9 units of the program must be completed after advancement to candidacy.
 - e. At the discretion of the academic program, a maximum of 30 percent of the units counted toward the degree requirements may be special session credit earned in non-matriculated status combined with all transfer coursework. This applies to special session credit earned through Open University, or in courses offered for academic credit through Regional and Continuing Education. (Correspondence courses and UC Extension coursework are not acceptable for transfer).
 - f. Not more than a total of 10 units of Independent Study (697) and Master's Thesis (699T) or Master's Project (699P); not more than 6 units of Master's Thesis (699T), 3 units of Master's Professional Paper (697P), or 3 units of Master's Project (699P).
2. Completion and final approval of one of the following plans:
 - a. Thesis, Professional Paper, or Project Plan:
Students will select 6 units of KINE 699T, 3 units of KINE 697P, or 3 units of KINE 699P, and will complete a thesis or project

as specified by the graduate advisory committee, the Graduate Coordinator, and the departmental graduate committee. An oral defense of the thesis or project is required.

- b. Comprehensive Examination Plan:
In place of KINE 699T, KINE 697P, or KINE 699P, students will substitute additional units of 400/500/600-level course work that fits the curriculum track they have chosen to bring the total units for the degree to 30. In addition, they will satisfactorily complete a written comprehensive examination on the program of study.
3. Approval by the departmental graduate committee, the Graduate Coordinator, and the Graduate Council on behalf of the faculty of the University.

Option in Athletic Training Education

In addition to the admission requirements, applicants to the Athletic Training Education Option must meet the following prerequisites:

Eligibility for the NATABOC Certification Exam

Eligibility requires:

1. Completion of an undergraduate degree.
2. Completion of required course work, including:
 - a. human anatomy (BIOL 103)
 - b. human physiology (BIOL 104)
 - c. beginning athletic training (KINE 316)
 - d. human nutrition (NFSC 303 or NFSC 340)
 - e. exercise physiology (KINE 323)
 - f. biomechanics (KINE 322)
 - g. biomechanical analysis (KINE 524W)
3. Clinical hours:
 - a. Curriculum candidates must have completed an entry-level program accredited by CAAHEP (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs) in no less than two calendar years. The program must include 800 hours of athletic training experience under the supervision of a NATABOC-certified athletic trainer. The athletic training experiences must be obtained from athletic training settings associated with the accredited curriculum.
 - b. Internship candidates must present documentation of having at least 1500 hours of athletic training experience under the supervision of a NATABOC-certified athletic trainer. The applicant must show proof that the athletic training experience was gained over a period of at least two calendar years.

Course	Title	Units
KINE 586	Anatomical and Pathomechanical Aspects of Sports Injuries	3
KINE 588	Seminar in Sport and Physical Activity Health Care	3
KINE 600	Seminar in Kinesiology	3
KINE 601	Statistical Methods in Kinesiology Research	3
KINE 602	Research Design in Kinesiology	3
KINE 689	Practicum in Athletic Training Education (must be taken twice)	6
Select nine units from the following:		9
KINE 624	Biomechanical Analysis	
KINE 661	Current Trends and Problems in Physical Education	
KINE 678	Exercise and Aging	

KINE 679	Advanced Exercise Physiology
KINE 681	Exercise Management - Chronic Disease and Disabilities
KINE 697	Independent Study
KINE 697P	Professional Paper
KINE 699P	Master's Project
KINE 699T	Master's Thesis
Any 400/500/600-level University course with the approval of the option advisor	
Total Units	30

Graduate Grading Requirements

All courses in the major (with the exceptions of Independent Study - 697, Comprehensive Examination - 696, Master's Professional Paper - 697P, Master's Project - 699P, and Master's Thesis - 699T) must be taken for a letter grade, except those courses specified by the department as ABC/No Credit (400/500-level courses), AB/No Credit (600-level courses), or Credit/No Credit grading only. A maximum of 10 units combined of ABC/No Credit, AB/No Credit, and Credit/No Credit grades may be used on the approved program (including 696, 697, 697P, 699P, 699T and courses outside the major). While grading standards are determined by individual programs and instructors, it is also the policy of the University that unsatisfactory grades may be given when work fails to reflect achievement of the high standards, including high writing standards, expected of students pursuing graduate study.

Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average in each of the following three categories: all course work taken at any accredited institution subsequent to admission to the master's program; all course work taken at California State University, Chico subsequent to admission to the program; and all courses on the approved master's degree program.

Continuous enrollment is required. At the discretion of the academic program, a maximum of 30 percent of the units counted toward the degree requirements may be special session credit earned in non-matriculated status combined with all transfer coursework. This applies to special session credit earned through Open University, or in courses offered for academic credit through Regional and Continuing Education.

Graduate Time Limit

All requirements for the degree are to be completed within five years of the end of the semester of enrollment in the oldest course applied toward the degree. See Master's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/graduate-requirements/masters-degree-requirements/>) for complete details on general degree requirements.

Graduate Requirement in Writing Proficiency

All students must demonstrate competency in writing skills as a requirement for graduation. Kinesiology majors will demonstrate their writing competence through the successful completion (grade of B or higher) of KINE 600 Seminar in Kinesiology.

Admission to the Athletic Training Education Option

Admission to this option will be limited. In addition to the requirements for all applicants to the MA in Kinesiology, applicants to this option must:

1. Complete a supplemental application.
2. Submit three letters of recommendation.
3. Have a personal interview with the Athletic Training Option Selection Committee.

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Prerequisites for Admission to Conditionally Classified Status

1. Satisfactory grade point average as specified in Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Admission Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/graduate-requirements/graduate-postbaccalaureate-admission-requirements/>).
2. Approval by the department and Graduate Studies.
3. A major or minor in Kinesiology from an accredited institution, or an equivalent approved by the Office of Graduate Studies and the Graduate Coordinator or, in absence of a degree in Kinesiology, completion of the following (or their equivalent): KINE 322 Biomechanics, KINE 323 Physiology of Exercise, and two additional courses to be determined by the Graduate Coordinator. These courses must be satisfactorily completed before enrollment in graduate-level courses.
4. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 in the last 60 units of undergraduate work.

5. Evidence of completion of the Graduate Record Examination is required.
6. Two letters of recommendation.
7. A letter of intent.

Advancement to Candidacy

In addition to any requirements listed above:

1. Completion at the University of the following 600-level courses:
 - KINE 600 Seminar in Kinesiology (Should be taken in the first semester)
 - KINE 601 Statistical Methods in Kinesiology Research
 - KINE 602 Research Design in Kinesiology
 - KINE 601 should be taken before KINE 602.
2. Formation of the graduate advisory committee.
3. Development of an approved program of course work.
4. Approval of selection of a topic for the thesis or project proposal.